



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025

From the words of St. Paul... 'Encourage one another and build each other up.'

Headteacher news

Another busy week has passed with lots of exciting learning taking place and the beautiful sun has made the week even better.

It was lovely to welcome you all into school this week for our Spring parents' evenings. I hope you enjoyed celebrating in your child's successes. As always, please do not feel like you have to wait until these appointments to speak to your child's class teacher. We pride ourselves on our open-door policy and urge you to contact school should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. A huge thank you to all the prefects who assisted on both evenings. They certainly made us very proud with their impeccable manners.

Thank you for all your donations towards our PTA Easter Hamper. We were blown away by your generosity. It is not too late to purchase a ticket over the weekend for your chance to win a hamper of goodies.

Our Easter services will take place on Thursday 3rd April with the infant service starting at 9:30am and the junior service starting at 10:30am. We look forward to celebrating with you all at St Paul's Church. If any parents are available to support with the walk to church, particularly for our infant classes, please let a member of staff know or email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk The infant classes will be leaving at 9:15am and the junior classes will be leaving at 10:15am. We anticipate that the services will last around 30 minutes so will be back at school for 10:15am and 11:15am. Thank you in advance.

Photo Challenge



The sight of those glorious sunsets brought an enormous smile to my face. They whispered promises of spring just around the corner, of longer days, and of the cheerful blooms of snowdrops and daffodils that will soon grace our school grounds. It's these little glimpses of beauty that can make all the difference in our day-to-day lives.

Inspired by Mrs Arthur's keen eye, I'd like to propose a challenge to our entire school family. Let's chase away the winter blues and embrace the changing seasons with our very own photography competition! The theme? 'Our beautiful world around us'. This is an opportunity for all of us - pupils, parents, family members, and staff alike - to get outside, explore our wonderful landscape, and capture those magical springtime moments.

We're putting a fun twist on this competition: it's children versus adults! So, whether you're 7 or 70, grab your camera or phone and start snapping. We want to see the world through your eyes - perhaps it's a budding flower, a scenic view, or a moment of everyday beauty that catches your attention.

To enter, simply email your photograph to school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk. Don't forget to include the name and age of the photographer, along with a brief note about what inspired your shot. We can't wait to see the world through your lenses and celebrate the beauty that surrounds us every day.

Let's make the most of these lengthening days and the promise of spring.

Who knows? Your photograph might just be the one to brighten someone else's day and remind us all of the wonders waiting just outside our doors.

Happy photographing, everyone!

St Paul's Kindness Club



Our kindness club have taken on an amazing venture alongside the residents of a local care home at Lilibet Manor. Our pupils have written letters to the residents as part of a 'pen pal' initiative to spread kindness across the valley. We have just received an exciting envelope bursting with letters of reply from the residents.

Thank you to Mrs Cooper and all the members of our kindness club. I am sure you have made lots of people smile.

PE Kits

We have noticed across school that a number of pupils have the incorrect PE kit on their PE days. PE kit is part of our school uniform so it is imperative that your child has the correct kit. Please also note that long hair must be tied back and any jewellery should be removed prior to the lesson.

- White t shirt (with or without the school logo)

- Blue/black PE shorts/tracksuit trousers
- Suitable footwear (trainers are most ideal. Please note, we cannot allow studs or astrotrurf trainers)
- Optional- school hoodie/ school jumper

We do have some spare PE kit in school if you would like any items donating. Please email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk with the item and size needed and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we do not have any school hoodies available.

Our Sporting Super Stars!

We are so incredibly proud of Clara and James who represented St Paul's at the National Schools Trampoline Championship Finals. Not only were they competing with royalty as Princess Charlotte was also competing in the same group as Clara, but both children finished as 2nd place in the national champions in the Year 1-6 girls and boys categories.

Well done to you both. You truly are inspirational and I know how hard you both work in such a competitive sport.







Dates for your diary...



- Ukulele Concert for parents/carers/families of Elders' class- Friday 28th March at 2:30pm
- Easter Service at St Paul's Church- Thursday 3rd April- Infants 9:30am Juniors 10:30am
- **Closure after school on Friday 4th April 2025 at 1:35pm**

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill.

To enable us to safeguard our children, may we request that if your child is absent from school you, please telephone the school on 01706 215893 by 09:00am to inform us. If we have not received a call, a member of our office staff will call you to ensure that your child is at home and is safe.

What to do if my child is ill.

Despite school being cleaned daily using antibacterial solutions with the use of antibacterial soap and hand gels available for all to use freely. It is that time of year where illness and viruses start to unfold.

- The NHS have a helpful guide should you wish to use this. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Please can you ensure that your child does not attend school for 48 hours after they have last vomited or had diarrhoea.

We are still encouraging good respiratory hygiene i.e. covering their nose/mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, discarding tissues after use and washing hands with soap and water. It is important to reduce the risk to others.

Can you authorise my child's absence?

As many of you are aware, we are unable to authorise any absences that are not illness related unless in exceptional circumstances. There is a 'leave of absence' form available from the school office however, we would ask that all holidays are taken within the holiday periods and not in term time, to avoid a fine from Lancashire County Council.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Holiday list



You should now have received our new holiday dates for the 2025-26 school year. These dates are crucial for planning purposes, and I kindly ask that you keep them in mind when considering any future family holidays or trips.

It's worth reiterating our school's policy on attendance during term time. As you're all aware, we place a high value on consistent attendance and its impact on our pupils' educational progress. With this in mind, I must remind you that leave during term time will not be authorised. This policy is in place to ensure that our pupils receive the full benefit of their education and don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

Should unauthorised leave be taken during term time, it's important to note that this will result in a penalty notice. This measure is not one we take lightly, but it's necessary to maintain the high standards of attendance that contribute to our pupils' success.

I understand that planning family time is important, and I hope that by providing these dates well in advance, we can work together to ensure that holidays and family commitments align with the school calendar wherever possible.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Here are the quick links to -

- [2024-25 Holiday list](#)
- [2025-26 holiday list](#)

Additional information

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD WHO MAY BE BEING NEGLECTED...



If you are a young person, you can contact 2-10pm, 365 days a year.
Phone on 0800 51 11 11
Text on 07786 51 11 11
Email: talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk



NSPCC

If you are an adult or professional, call 0300 123 6720



For more information
www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/neglect/



Lancashire Family Hubs

For more information, scan the QR code or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/



Healthy Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

For more information, scan the QR code or visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/school-holiday-activities/>

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HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY
Promoting healthy tips with our children & family members and strategies to handle anger better.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 9.30am - 11.30am
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 12.45pm - 2.45pm & online
June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ASD
Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 12.45pm - 2.45pm
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD
Understanding ADHD and how it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 12.45pm - 2.45pm
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 12.45pm - 2.45pm

THE TEENAGE YEARS
The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 8.30pm - 8.30pm & online
June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

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Rossendale Family Hub

The Rossendale Family Hub have a range of HAF events running over Easter holidays for children aged 0-11 years old.

Please join us for a

Baby Sensory

Join us for baby sensory play, taste-safe messy play, crafts and songs!

Thursday | **17** April | 1- 3 pm

Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone, Barnley Road, BB4 3EW
 Suitable for babies ages 0-2
 (Messy play outfits advised)

BOOK VIA QR LINK

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Questions? Email: rossendalegroupwork@leicestershire.gov.uk Phone: 01706 237790

Family Games Afternoon

Come and join us for an afternoon of games, quizzes, activities and competitions!

8th April 2025
 1- 3 PM
 @ MADEN FAMILY HUB,
 Rochdale Rd,
 Bacup, OL13 9NZ

Event suitable for 5-11 year olds!
 small baby area for under 5's

HAF furnishes available for those eligible for Free school meals!

Children eligible for Free School Meals? Book via HAF here!

Children not eligible for Free School Meals? Don't worry, book here!



Easter Crafts

Children eligible for Free School Meals? Book via HAF here!

Children not eligible for Free School Meals? Don't worry, book here!

FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

HAF

AT WHITWORTH LIBRARY

SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AGED 0-11 YEARS

Date: **16** Month: **04** Year: **25**

from **10AM to 12PM**

Lloyd St, Whitworth, Rochdale OL12 5AA
 Questions? Email: rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk Phone: 01706 237790



HAF

FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR PIZZA PARTY

Join us for a fun-filled morning of cooking delicious pizza, great company, and plenty of laughter!

10th April 2025
10 - 12 P.M.

Rawtenstall Family Hub,
Burnley Road, BB4 8EW
Only suitable for 5-11's

Children eligible for Free School Meals? Book via HAF here!

Children not eligible for Free School Meals? Don't worry, book here!

QUESTIONS?
 EMAIL: ROSSENDALEGROUPWORK@LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK
 PHONE: 01706 237790

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This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

What another wonderful week in Berries, the children continue to make me feel very proud every week. Thank you for your donations for the Easter Raffle, don't forget to buy a ticket, via parent pay.

In English and maths this week, we have completed a wide range of assessments, and I am so proud of the progress each and every one has made, it is phenomenal!! They have all taken them in their stride and put 100% into them all. Super work Berries!!!

In the afternoons, we have had a busy week, PE with Dan the coach, which the children thoroughly enjoy, and it is lovely to hear someone else commenting on how wonderful our children are and that their behaviour is always impeccable. We also visited forest school this week, the children loved exploring and going down the mud slide! Mr Rush also came to show us the frogs, there are so many! They were very excited, and it linked to our life cycles that we completed a couple of weeks ago perfectly.

PE Kits

A reminder that our PE days this half term are **Monday**.

As a requirement that PE should be accessed by all, it is essential that every child has a PE kit, **Berries children can come to school in their PE kits on a Monday.**

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 2nd April- Forest School session

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

[Amazing Acorns](#)



We have had a lovely week making the most of the sunshine!

In English, we have been continuing with Dear Zoo. This week we have been writing about why each animal was sent back. We have been working hard to use finger spaces and full stops. In phonics we have been recapping the early phase 3 digraphs and tricky words. Phonics Play is a great resource to support with this at home.

In maths we have been learning all about doubling and halving. Ask your child if they can remember any double facts.

In science we have been looking at different animals and their habitats. We have been thinking about why they live in different environments.

In forest school, we were exploring the environment for signs of spring. We spotted lots of daffodils and mini beasts. We were even lucky enough to see lots of frogs had appeared in our pond. The children were very intrigued to observe how they moved and communicated to each other.

Infant Easter service

Please join us at our Easter service in St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am. All parents of Infant children are welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Bliss and the EYFS team.

[Awesome Ashes](#)



What a busy week, with lots of beautiful weather! The children have loved being outdoors more this week, and we have adapted our teaching to embrace the weather with outdoor learning activities.

Thank you for attending parents evening this week, it was lovely to speak to so many parents to discuss your child's progress.

Curriculum news

In English, we have been reading 'The Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and writing our adjectives to describe each setting. The children next week will be creating their own stories based on this wonderful book.

In Maths the children in Year 1 have been working hard on fractions- finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and small amounts. We have been sorting odd and even numbers in our fluency sessions.

In topic, we have been making chassis and axles with wheels to create our vehicles. **Please could your child bring in some junk modelling items to help with their final design- tissue boxes, kitchen roll tubes will work best!**

Infant Easter service

Please join us at our Easter service in St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am. All parents of Infant children are welcome to attend.

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th March- Forest School session

Thursday 3rd April - Infant Easter service at 9.30am

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

Thursday 24th April- Ashes class trip to Eureka

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

Super Sycamores



Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents Evening this week. It was lovely to see so many and share what the children have been learning.

The weather has been beautiful this week and the children have loved being outside and enjoying the new areas on the playground.

In English we have started our instruction writing linked to the book How to Train a Train. We will be writing our own instructions on how to catch a pet train and also how to care for the pet train.

We are starting our DT learning about wheels and axles next week. **We are planning our junk model vehicles, so your child will need to bring a named cardboard box to make the vehicle in school.** Your child will bring a list home of anything else they may need to create the vehicle.

Infant Easter service

Please join us at our Easter service in St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am. All parents of Infant children are welcome to attend.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 25th March- Forest School session

Thursday 3rd April - Infant Easter service at 9.30am

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

Outstanding Alders



This half term seems to be flying by and as always it has been a busy one.

Curriculum News

In English this week we have been writing our own version of 'The Highway Rat'. I have been modelling this version with the children, next week they will write a story independently.

In Maths we have finally finished our unit on multiplication and division. This unit has been a tricky one, please remember that any time spent on TT Rockstars is incredibly useful. Please ask if you have lost your child's password. Try this activity at home:

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/doggyDivision/index.html>

Parents Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who attended parents evening. It was lovely to chat about all of the progress the children have made.

Infant Easter service

Please join us at our Easter service in St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am. All parents of Infant children are welcome to attend. If you can help us to walk down then please let a teacher know.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 27th March- Forest School session

Thursday 3rd April - Infant Easter service at 9.30am

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

Kind Regards

Miss P Cavaney

KS1 Leader



Enchanted Elms



Thank you for all the donations for the Easter Hampers, it's very much appreciated.

This week in history the children were detectives and had to find out why 52 bodies were killed at the Maiden Castle Hillfort. They read sources and looked at pictures to find out what happened and why?

In English we have been continuing our novel 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children summarised the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children watched a reenactment about what happened to Pompeii. They thought about their senses for what it might have been like for the people of Pompeii. The children have written a setting description of what Pompeii was like after the eruption.

In maths we continued with fractions to add and subtract fractions to and from one whole and add fractions within one whole.

In R.E this week, the children thought about the duties they have to do themselves, to the family and to the community. They came up with some amazing ideas. We are very proud of them.

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening. It was lovely to share what the children are learning and how they are progressing.

PE Kits

A reminder that our PE days this half term are Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor).

As a requirement that PE should be accessed by all, it is essential that every child has a PE kit within school so they are able to access both indoor and outdoor sessions. PE kits will now be stored in a black box outside the classroom to free up the corridor space. Please can your children's PE kits be in a drawstring bag and not a rucksack.

Forest School Dates Our next Forest School session is Monday 24th March 2025

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd April - Junior Easter service at St Paul's Church – 10:30am

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

[Marvellous Maples](#)



What a beautiful week we have had. The children have been enjoying the sunshine during break and lunchtimes, and we were also super lucky to have forest school this week. The children enjoyed looking for and finding some of the frogs in our pond at forest school.

In class, we have completed some assessments, which I have shared with you at parents evening. I am so proud of the effort that the children have put into these.

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening. It was lovely to share what the children are learning and how they are progressing.

In science, we have been continuing our science unit on electricity. The children have shown a great understanding of all the elements used to make a circuit and can also explain what a switch is used for and what happens when the switch is opened and closed.

There are still some children that are not bringing in their reading records or reading at home. The children in Maples class are really trying to win the weekly reward, however, we have some children letting them down by either not reading or not bringing in their reading records. This is really disappointing for a lot of our Maples class, so please can I ask all parents that they check that their child is bringing their reading record to school EVERY day.

Junior Easter service

Please join us at our Easter service in St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am. All parents of Junior children are welcome to attend.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd April - Forest School session PM.

Thursday 3rd April - Junior Easter service at 10.30am

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

School reopens- Tuesday 22nd April

Have a lovely weekend. I hope it is a sunny and warm one.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



Another busy week in Elders!

Thank you for all the donations for the Easter Hampers, it is very much appreciated.

This week the children have been comparing life in Anglo Saxon times with life now. They read about life in the village and looked at pictures of Anglo-Saxon houses. The children made lots of interesting observations and comparisons.

In English, we have been continuing reading our novel 'Beowulf. The children have been writing character descriptions of the monster Grendel and have used descriptive language including similes and expanded noun phrases.

In Maths this week we have continued solving multiplication problems and practising recall of times tables.

This week in RE, the children have thought about the different events in the lead up to Jesus' resurrection and they discussed the different people involved.

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening. It was lovely to share what the children are learning and how they are progressing.

PE Kits

A reminder that our PE days this half term are Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor).

As a requirement that PE should be accessed by all, it is essential that every child has a PE kit within school so they are able to access both indoor and outdoor sessions. PE kits will now be stored in a black box outside the classroom to free up the corridor space. Please can your children's PE kits be in a drawstring bag and not a rucksack.

Year 5 - Robinwood in 2026

Places are still available for next year's residential visit to Robinwood, Todmorden in February 2026. If your child would like to take part, please confirm your child's place and make a deposit payment on ParentPay as soon as possible.

Junior Easter service

Please join us at our Easter service in St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am. All parents of Junior children are welcome to attend.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26th March- Forest School session

Friday 28th March 2.30pm - Ukulele concert for Elders parents

Thursday 3rd April - Junior Easter service at 10.30am

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent's Evening this week. It was lovely to see you all. Thank you for your support and kind words. We will endeavour to continue to work in partnership with you to ensure your children can reach their full potential in Willows.

This week has been assessment week in Willows and we are very proud of all of the children. Many of them have shown excellent progress and it has been lovely to compare our data with the Autumn Data and see how far they have come.

We are not that far now from the end of term! Here are some important upcoming dates:

Junior Easter service

Please join us at our Easter service in St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am. All parents of Junior children are welcome to attend.

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

Monday 12th May - Key Stage Two SATs week for our Year 6 children.

Places are still available for next year's residential visit to Robinwood, Todmorden in February 2026. If your child would like to take part, please confirm your child's place and make a deposit payment on ParentPay as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)



With only two weeks left until the end of the Spring term, Oaks class continue to work hard in all the different activities that they have faced. It was lovely to speak to so many parents this week at our Parents Evenings. Thank you for taking the time to come into school and discuss your child's progress.

Curriculum news

In English, we are starting to put together ideas for writing our own narrative using a flashback. The children have selected characters within the story to create a back story about them. We have been using techniques to build tension and identified signposts to signal a shift in time.

Ratio has been our focus in maths and we have been scaling up and down using our knowledge of multiplication. We have identified different representations and have been introduced to the ratio symbol.

Zaha Hadid is our artist we have been looking at this half term in our art lessons. Using her architectural designs as inspiration, the children have designed their own buildings drawing these in different formations. Once the finishing touches have been applied, we are looking forward to displaying our work in school for everyone to see.

Junior Easter service

Please join us at our Easter service in St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am. All parents of Junior children are welcome to attend.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st April - Forest School session

Thursday 3rd April - Junior Easter service at 10.30am

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

Monday 12th May - Key Stage Two SATs week

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

St. Paul's PTA



PTA News 🍌👧

Thank you all for your support today for our "Wear what you want" day. The children looked wonderful in their own clothes today, and the PTA received so many donations - we are so grateful for your ongoing support.

We would also like to offer special thanks to "Running Spec Events" for their very generous donation to the hampers this morning. What a lovely surprise, thank you so much for your generosity!

Remember, you can purchase tickets for the Easter hamper raffle through ParentPay until Monday 31st March at 9am. The draw will take place on the PTA Facebook page at approximately 7pm that evening and prizes are to be collected from the school office from 9am Tuesday 1st April.

Don't forget, you can still register for the "Your School Lottery" to support the PTA and be in with a chance of winning cash prizes! You can register at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

Thanks for your continued support,

Bonnie Smith

PTA Chair



Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



For any parents/carers, **whose circumstances have changed** and think their child(ren) may be entitled to Free School Meals, please can an application form be completed. Parents can apply electronically via the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium.

Please note that younger siblings of pupils who are already entitled will not automatically qualify for Free School Meals. If a family's circumstances have changed and cease to be entitled to qualifying benefits, the elder children will be protected but any new children will not qualify. This is why Pupil Access Team require applications completing so they can properly assess new sibling's entitlement.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

